

United States District Court
Western District of Texas
Austin Division

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

GREG ABBOTT, in his capacity as Governor
of the State of Texas, and THE STATE OF
TEXAS,

Defendants.

No. 1:23-cv-00853-DII

**DEFENDANTS' UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR A STAY
OF THEIR DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO THE COMPLAINT**

Defendants respectfully request a stay of their deadline to file a response to the complaint in this case, which would otherwise be due August 14, 2023, until after the earlier of November 1, 2023, or 30 days after the Court rules on Plaintiff's pending Motion for Preliminary Injunction (ECF No. 5). Defendants have conferred with Plaintiff concerning this motion, and it is unopposed.

Good cause exists for such a stay. The Court's resolution of Plaintiff's Motion for Preliminary Injunction is likely to substantially affect subsequent proceedings in this litigation. Accordingly, extending the time for Defendants to answer or otherwise respond until 30 days after the Court resolves that motion (or November 1, 2023) will likely conserve the Parties' and the Court's resources. No previous extensions have been sought or granted. A proposed order is attached.

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CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE

I certify that I conferred via e-mail with Brian Lynk, counsel for Plaintiff, on August 10, 2023, and he informed me that Plaintiff does not oppose this motion.

/s/ Ryan D. Walters
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On August 10, 2023, this document was filed electronically through the Court's CM/ECF system, which automatically serves all counsel of record.

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